

Superior Court Judge

Trevor N. Stephens, First Judicial District



DATE OF BIRTH: October 3, 1959
PLACE OF BIRTH: Ketchikan, Alaska
NAME OF SPOUSE: Amanda
CHILDREN: Isabel (10), Madeline (8),
Leif (4)

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 44 years
Ketchikan 1959 to present

EDUCATION:
Ketchikan High School, 1973-1977; Willamette University, 1977-1981, B.S; Willamette University, 1981-1982, Teaching Certificate; Willamette University, College of Law 1982-1985, J.D.

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
Superior Court Judge (Ketchikan), 2000 to present; District Attorney, 1997-1999; Assistant District Attorney, 1993-1997; Assistant Public Defender 1988-1989

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:
Ziegler, Cloudy, King & Peterson, 1985-1988, 1989-1993; Faulkner Banfield PC 1999-2000

SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:
Ketchikan Bar Association, Alaska Bar Association

STATEMENT:

It has been my privilege to serve the people of the First Judicial District as a Superior Court Judge for the past four years. I reside in Ketchikan but my regular caseload also includes Superior Court cases from Metlakatla and Prince of Wales Island. I have also handled cases from numerous other SE Alaska communities.

As a Judge I have several duties. I must make sure that each person appearing in court is treated with courtesy, dignity and respect. I must provide each party a full opportunity to be heard. I must make sure that the matters presented are decided based on a complete, fair, and impartial consideration of all of the relevant facts and the applicable law. I must act in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary in Alaska. New developments in the law occur daily. I must maintain my professional competence in the law. I have worked diligently to fulfill all of my judicial duties and am committed to continuing to do so.

provided and paid for by the candidate

Alaska Judicial Council Recommendation

Judge Trevor Stephens, Superior Court, Ketchikan

I. Judicial Council Evaluation. The Alaska Judicial Council, a non-partisan citizens commission established by the Alaska Constitution, finds Judge Stephens to be *Qualified* and recommends unanimously (6-0) that the public vote “YES” to retain him as a superior court judge.

II. Summary of Evaluation Information. A survey of 2,927 attorneys in Alaska rated Judge Stephens on sixteen categories that are summarized in the adjacent graph. Attorneys rated Judge Stephens 4.4 on a scale of 5 on overall judicial performance. He scored 4.4 or better in all sixteen categories.

| | Attorney Survey | Peace Officer Survey | Juror Survey | Court Employee Survey |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Legal | 4.4 | --- | --- | --- |
| Impartiality | 4.5 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.9 |
| Integrity | 4.6 | 4.7 | --- | 4.9 |
| Temperament | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.9 |
| Diligence | 4.6 | 4.7 | --- | 4.9 |
| Special Skills | 4.5 | 4.7 | --- | --- |
| Overall | 4.4 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.9 |

Ratings are based on a one to five scale. Five is the best rating and three is “acceptable.”

Rating Scale

5.0 = Excellent

4.0 = Good

3.0 = Acceptable

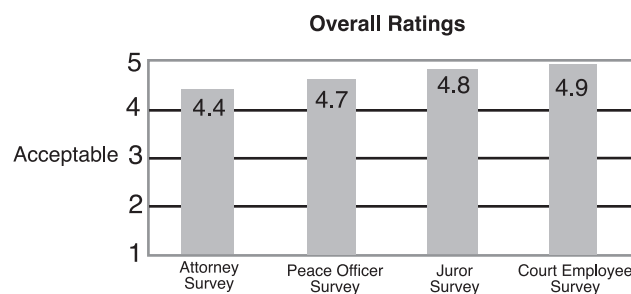
2.0 = Deficient

1.0 = Poor

A survey of 1,495 peace and probation officers in Alaska rated Judge Stephens on twelve categories that are summarized in the adjacent graph. Peace and probation officers rated Judge Stephens 4.7 on a scale of 5 on overall judicial performance. He scored 4.6 or better in all categories.

A survey of jurors appearing before Judge Stephens in 2002 and 2003 rated him 4.8 on a scale of 5 on overall performance. A survey of all court employees rated him 4.9 on a scale of 5 on overall performance.

The Council also completed a background investigation including a court records check, a disciplinary records check, a review of conflict of interest statements submitted to the court system and a review of financial disclosure statements submitted to the Alaska Public Offices Commission. Attorneys, peace officers, court employees and jurors were asked to submit written comments about the judge. The Council actively encouraged the public to comment, both in writing and in a statewide public hearing teleconference.



Recommendation: Vote “YES” to retain Judge Trevor Stephens

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